

## GVARC MEETING

1/11/23

President Bruce Tewksbury K3BAT called the meeting to order at 6:59 PM.  
There were 37 members present and 6 on zoom.

Bruce opened the meeting reciting his ham radio operator's version of the Boy Scout Oath. Many joined in.

A special thanks given to Rick Rogers K7RCR for his service to the club as President for 2022 and as a Board Member for 2023.

We had 5 guests in attendance:

Shirley McGreger KL7FJ??

Dave Dobbins K7GPS

John from Maztalan/California

Patti Donahue KE7IR

Tommy Donahue W7EAW

Bruce reported that Carolyn Miller AB7KC has become a Silent Key.

There were freebies on the tables to take home. First come, first serve, and all were taken.

Rudy Sweisfurth N7COP presented a new sign he had done to replace the worn one at the Titan Discone site. Tom Lang K7VOA agreed to install it.

### **Bruce K3BAT Introduced the 2023 Board and the committee chairs.**

**Vice President and Special Events Coordinator** – Tom Lang K7VOA

- Winter Field Day – John Perlick K0UM talked about the event. Winter Field Day will run on January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> for 24 hours. This event will be held at the Discone site. Sign up sheet for slots to fill on the Website. Our operating hours will be noon Saturday until 5:00 PM and Sunday 7:00 AM to noon. An RV will be provided for operator comfort.
- Valentine's Day Special – Ed Toal N9MW informed us that it would be for the ladies of the GVARC (licensed and unlicensed). Snowbirds will provide brats, hot dogs and chips and the club will supply the soft drinks and water. This will be on February 14, 2023 at the Titan Missile Museum discone. **ALL** ladies can get on the radio. Sharon Toal W9RNF will be the control operator. Men – bring a dish to pass if you would like but not necessary.
- Other future events
  - March – 59th Anniversary of GVARC
  - April – 109 Anniversary of ARRL
  - And more in the works

**Treasurer** – Bob Junke K7DC

Treasurer's report is published on the website.

65 paid members – 47 have not renewed

**Secretary** – Jeanne Crane KJ7HCP

Jeanne is having some health issues so is temporarily indisposed. In her place, Sharon Toal W9RNF is the acting secretary until Jeanne feels capable to restart her term.

**Board Members-at-large** - Ed Toal N9MW and Dave Bowen W0DFWR were introduced.

**Repeater/WebSDR Coordinator** - Ron Phillips AA7RP

All is working as expected.

**Webmaster** - Jon Otto AD7GS

An update was given on the website.

**VE Testing Coordinator** - Dave Bowen W0DFWR

Dave announced that the next exams will be on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January at Anamax Park (check website for the time). Another VE would be helpful for the test.

**WinLink Gateway and Emergency Coordinator** - Mike Bass WA9TKK

Mike reported on the Winlink Gateway OEMCOMM.ORG This is the only VHF-UHF gateway in the Tucson Area.

**Drive-out Coordinator** - Linda Boeck

Drive-outs for the near future

- March 15<sup>th</sup> – Barleen's Dinner theater for lunch in Apache Junction - \$42 - \$49 a person depending on the number of participants.
- February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sunlink Steetcar ride followed by lunch at Caruso's. Meet at Library near the SAV at 10:00 AM.

Sign up sheets are on the website.

**Elmer's List** -Tom Smith K7AFA

Tom reported that he is updating the Elmer's list. Please contact Tom if you would like to be included.

We have open positions for the following and are looking for volunteers.

**Project Coordinator**

**RF Interference Lead**

**Presentation Coordinator**

**Photographer**

**Social Director**

The Evening Speaker Peter Thumen WA7JBG . The subject was the Jim Creek Naval Radio Station in Washington State. The 1.2 million watt station communicates with our submarines thousands of feet

beneath the sea as well as other Naval ships and aircraft. There was a lot of interest and many questions.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Sharon Toal W9RNF

Acting Secretary